**Palestine Solidarity Roadmap**

In 2024, University College Cork agreed a series of commitments as part of its Palestine Solidarity Response. This document presents an update on the implementation of these actions.While some are discrete, many have widerrelevance beyond the specific context and the learning from this process is being taken into account as part of the University’s global engagement activity.

**Actions On Track**

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| **Palestine Roadmap - Actions on Track (including completion dates and updates)** | | | | |
| **#** | **Action** | **Progress** | **Completion By/Further Update** | **Status** |
|  | **1. Partnerships** | | |  |
| 1 | Establish a Group, including student members, to develop a new ethical/human rights framework for all University partnerships and activity. | 1. Consultation and horizon scanning undertaken.  2. Liaison with other HEIs underway  3.Terms of Reference approved and members invited.  4. Meeting schedule being established.  5. Presentations to the Group from a wide range of perspectives completed and currently being analysed.  6. Meetings with Leiden and Malmo set up to discuss their approaches. | Framework completed by April 2025 Approval by June 2025 | On Track |
| 6 | Initiate revision of research integrity protocol to support ethical decision-making in all individual research, consultancy and industry activity. | 1. Protocol being revised, following discussion at the P&I Working Group, and other standing university bodies on research and as part of a Research Security Framework document.  2. Meetings have taken place to align work on research integrity with the ethics and human rights framework under development. 3. Enhanced training and information for staff being developed. 4. The document was considered at the Academic Council Research and Innovation Committee in March.  5. Following consideration in the relevant College committees, it will be presented at Academic Council in June. | Jun 25 | On Track |
| 8 | Develop guidance/principles to inform decision-making relating to new research grants and activity with Israeli partners. | 1. Due diligence and pre-grant activity being supported by OVPRI.  2. Process documented in the P&I Working Group.  3. Commitment to a human rights framework set out in the Global Engagement Plan.  4. Work being progressed as part of the Ethical and Human Rights Framework working group | April 25 | On Track |
| 14 | Add social impact, including human rights violations, to new procurement tenders. | 1. Legal advice received on the legality of this approach which suggests that complexity.  2. Further consideration to be given to this element as part of the Ethics and Human Rights Framework working group. | April 25 | On Track |
|  | **2. Awareness raising** | | |  |
| 15 | Develop seminar series on Palestine including Occupied Territories Bill | 1. Lecture by Prof Emeritus of Modern Arab Studies at Colombia University, Prof Rashid Khalidi, Palestinian American on Nov 6th.  2. Seminar on Tuesday March 26th (Refugee Week) with Dr Oliver Moore and Izz Cafe on Farming under Duress.  3. Documentary screening on Friday March 21st 'The Palestine Exception' with the film maker attending, included a panel discussion on academic freedom and protest.  4. Seminar on the International Criminal Court and the Palestine Question, by Dr Paul Bradfield and Dr Dug Cubie, The Shtepps, 24th March 2025.  5. Lecture being arranged with Prof Peter Beinart, author of 'Being Jewish after the Destruction of Gaza, A Reckoning', June 2025 to be chaired by Prof Brendan O'Leary, Governing Authority member.  6.Series to be incorporated into the Global Citizenship Work Programme in the Office of the Vice President Global Engagement. | May 2025 | On Track |
| 16 | Integrate Palestine issues, as well as wider issues of student protest and global engagement, into the curriculum of relevant University Wide (UW) modules. | 1. Feasibility of adopting or developing a UW module examined.  2. Student demand unclear, to be kept under review.  3. SU exploring feasibility of introducing elements into the UW model on sustainability. | Q2 2025 | On Track |
|  | **3. Palestinian Emergency Response Group** | | |  |
| 18 | Secure funding for a scholars at risk programme for at risk Palestinian scholars | 1.Scholars At Risk programme launched in Q 1 2025 and 4 candidates offered positions. Working through practical details of their arrival.  3. Repositioning of UCC's University of Sanctuary work approved by ULT.  4. Sanctuary Office/Director of Global Citizenship taking up appointment on 14 April to support Scholars and develop philanthropic case for humanitarian scholars. | April 2025 | On Track |
| 19 | Secure funding for Sanctuary Scholarships for displaced Palestinian students | 1. Feasibility of applying Sanctuary model to Palestinian students explored and barriers identified.  2. Ad hoc enquiries dealt with and gap in funding model identified.  3. Immediate funding for PGT scholarships for displaced students unsuccessful, case for support being refreshed.  4. DFA Palestine scholarship programme advertised and programmes added.  5. Data submitted to DFHERIS in March.  5. Meeting with advocacy group on behalf of displaced students being progressed. | May 2025 | On Track |
| 20 | In collaboration with ACE, consider the potential to offer part-time and online programmes of study to Palestinian students. | 1. Range of programmes identified which may be of interest and available online to Palestinian students (located in Palestine or displaced). 2. Established that English language courses are available in person only.  3. Demand for such programmes yet to be established. | Q 2 2025 | On Track |

**Palestine Solidarity Roadmap: Actions Closed or Ongoing**

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| **Palestine Roadmap - Closed or Ongoing Actions** | | | | |
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|  | **1. Partnerships** | | |  |
| 2 | Apply for HEA funding to support cross-sectoral approach to human rights partnership framework. | Funding streams considered and discussions took place on possible joint proposal. Ultimately, the Funding Call was deemed not suitable/feasible. | [Objective transitioned to EDI Action Plan.](https://issuu.com/uccequality/docs/v13_edi_report_eng)  [Closed.](https://issuu.com/uccequality/docs/v13_edi_report_eng) | Closed |
| 3 | Lead out on national advocacy to promote an ethical/human rights to University partnerships. | 1. Matter raised with: DFHERIS, IUA and other bodies.  2. Matter raised with other VPs Global. 3. Matter raised with international partners. | Actions continue to be ongoing. | Ongoing |
| 4 | Review all [Horizon Europe](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en) grants to establish the level of engagement with Israeli partners and support. | 1. Information on Horizon grants in the public domain.  2. Support offered to all PIs.  3. This is set out in the Palestine and Israel Working Group Report.  4. Report considered by ULT. | Report now on website | Closed |
| 5 | Support all staff involved in grant activity with Israeli partners. | 1. Support offered to staff via PIs. 2. Engagement with HR on supports. | Ongoing | Ongoing |
| 7 | Identify the level of engagement between Tyndall National Institute and Israeli institutions. | 1.Details of grants in the public domain - Summer 2024.  2.Further information shared by Tyndall in the P&I Working Group.  3. This is set out in the Palestine and Israel Working Group Report.  4. Report considered by ULT. | Report now on website | Closed |
| 9 | Develop Interim arrangements to ensure any new partnerships or arrangements comply with the university's values and commitments. | 1. Steps have been taken to adopt interim arrangements so that any new or proposed partnerships or contracts are brought to the attention of relevant University leader. |  | Closed |
| 11 | Complete internal approval for divestment for the only fund that has exposure to Israeli stock. | Divestment complete. |  | Closed |
| 12 | Clarify association between UCC's contracted travel provider and an Israeli company | Complete. |  | Closed |
| 13 | Establish level of engagement with specific companies identified by UCC BDS. | 1. Activity scoped during Summer 2024.  2. Up to date review completed and relevant details set out in the Report of the P&I working group.  3. Report considered by ULT in March 2025. | Report now on website | Closed |
|  | **2. Awareness raising** | | |  |
|  | **3. Palestinian Emergency Response Group** | | |  |
| 17 | Establish Palestine Emergency Response Group to promote an emergency response to the crisis especially for Palestine students and the academic community. | 1. Report was submitted and recommendations approved.  2. Recommendations added to ongoing actions.  3. Report published on the website. |  | Closed |
| 21 | Learn from University and Ireland's response to the Ukrainian crisis | 1. Learning from previous experience has been incorporated into this project plan, including the importance of the international sanction regime and government supports. |  | Closed |
| 22 | Actively advocate with the IUA for Government supports and funding for displaced Palestinian students | 1. Matter is being raised with all relevant government and advocacy organisations by VP Global Engagement. | Ongoing | Ongoing |
|  | **4. Statement on Palestine** | | |  |
| 23 | Statement on Palestine to confirm support and address concerns regarding gaps in previous statement. | Statement complete and published. |  | Closed |
|  | **5. Implementation of UCC Commitments** | | |  |
| 24 | Agree protocol re ministerial visits re SU involvement/meetings | 1. Measures adopted so that ministerial visitors to the Campus are advised of SU interest in meeting with them to discuss the Occupied Territories Bill.  2. The operation of this measure will be reviewed in Q 1 2025.  3. SU will be kept informed. | Ongoing | Ongoing |
| 25 | Establish pathways/structures, with SU involvement, to provide transparency and accountability with respect to the completion of the relevant actions, and timelines. | 1. Regular meetings with SU in place to update on progress and discuss any barriers.  2. SU participating in relevant working groups.  3. Ongoing reporting of progress to all relevant University bodies. 4. Updates shared on actions and timelines. 5. Website updated. | Ongoing | Ongoing |
| 26 | Meeting with President | Meeting held with UCC President. |  | Closed |

**Solidarity Roadmap: Acronyms**

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| **Acronyms** | |
| SU | Students’ Union |
| HEI | Higher Education Institution |
| PI | Principal Investigator |
| P&I | Palestine and Israel |
| HR | Human Resources |
| OVPRI | Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation |
| UCC | University College Cork |
| OT Bill | Occupied Territories Bill |
| UW | University Wide |
| DFA | Department of Foreign Affairs |
| HEA | Higher Education Authority |
| EDI | Equality, Diversity and Inclusion |
| IUA | Irish Universities Association |
| DFHERIS | Department of Further Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science |
| VP | Vice President |
| VPGE | Vice President Global Engagement |